

## CRANE IN THE HOLE

His Testimony Thrown Out of Court.

## BECAUSE IT WAS UNTRUTHFUL

Hurley Proved a Complete Alibi and Crane Was Confronted by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Archie Crane, the reporter for the Press, who swore to the sensational testimony relative to finding \$25 in a hole in the wall in the Lovett block, through which the police were in the habit of peering to obtain evidence against Guy Johnston, the gambler, received a setback in police court yesterday during the progress of the Sproat-Waters libel case.

His testimony was to the effect that he found the money in the hole after Hurley and other officers had been there on Sunday, December 20. He also said that by lying down in a closet on the third floor of the Lovett block he could see through and observe men gambling, drinking, and could hear the clicking of chips and voices in betting. During the cross-examination to which Prosecuting Attorney McKnight subjected Crane, he became entangled in the meshes and contradicted himself several times. The men with whom Crane claimed to have talked, denied that they had ever conversed with him at all. This evidence was stricken out of the case.

## Yesterday's Testimony.

The first witness put upon the stand was Captain Johnston who testified that on December 20, the day upon which Crane claimed to have seen Hurley enter the Canal street entrance of the Lovett block, that he was not on duty, and not near the place in question.

Geo. Ellis, a professional gambler, was placed on the stand to corroborate the statement that Johnston had said if he (Ellis) would give him money he would see that he was not interfered with. In several instances the witness claimed his privilege and declined to answer questions. Johnston, the gambler, was called by the people and denied that he had ever claimed to have any influence with the present force of police. That he had even said anything to Ellis about money to finance the alibi. He declined to answer any questions as to whether he had taken money from gamblers for other purposes. McBride cross examined Johnston, to get the wily gambler into a trap, but he positively asserted at every turn that he had never had any agreement with Hurley or any other officer. It was brought out, however, that he worked other gamblers for money, leading them to believe that he would protect them.

Lieutenant Hurley was recalled and said that on Sunday, December 20, he was not in the vicinity of Johnston's gambling place, but spent the entire afternoon at the residence of Constable Mastenbrook. He accounted for his time from about one o'clock in the afternoon until nine o'clock at night. Several witnesses men sworn to support his testimony.

The prosecution finished and the defense called Mart Elliot and W. H. Smith to impeach the evidence of Guy Johnston. The arguments in the case will be opened this morning at nine o'clock.

## CLOSED BY THE SHERIFF.

Vossen Brothers' Store in the Hands of Their Creditors.

Vossen Brothers, the Monroe street dry goods dealers, were closed up by Sheriff McQueen yesterday on a chattel mortgage held by Isaac Loewenberg, of St. Joseph, Mich., amounting to \$3,854.20, filed with the city clerk Dec. 23. The mortgages filed against the concern are: Grand Rapids National Bank, \$7,000; A. Alsberg, New York, \$1,504.25; Daniel Greenfield, Albany, Ga., \$1,854.38; Maurice M. Houseman, \$1,200. The aggregate amount represented is \$12,042.63.

## Items of the Courts.

Clerk C. L. Fitch of the United States court received instructions yesterday from Judge Severens, who is at Detroit, that in the event of the judgment being here today, to adjourn court until Saturday morning.

No business of record was transacted in the superior court yesterday.

The case against C. Sumner Burroughs for being present at a Sunday night performance at Lanning's opera house was adjourned yesterday until January 15.

## Annals Case Continued.

It was intended that the examination of Robert Jackson, on the charge of criminal assault, would be taken up in police court yesterday, but in consequence of the Sproat-Waters case occupying the entire day, it was continued until today. The victim, Rickie Van Dert, who was spirited away by the mother, has been brought back.

## How He Is in a Safe Place.

Cornelius Kipp, who upon his plea of guilty was sentenced to the reform school at Lansing for burglary, but detained here as a witness against his accomplices, was taken to Lansing's opera house yesterday afternoon by the county agent.

## His Gold Watch Missing.

Patrick Drew reported to the police last night that a gold watch had been stolen from his room, No. 16 Park place. He was suspicious as to who the guilty party was. The detective will investigate.

## LAW AND LAWYERS.

## Circuit Court—Part I.

## JUDGE GROVE.

William A. Swartz and Philetus S.

Swartz vs. William T. Lamoreaux and Demetrius Turner, assumpsit; on trial.

## Circuit Court—Part II.

## JUDGE ADAMS.

Frank Bonifoy vs. James Bayne and Walker Cass, chancery; on trial.

Jane Hamilton vs. Sebastian Klaber, Julius A. J. Friedrich and Anton Zerk, trespass on the case; continued over term without costs.

## Steals a Pocketbook.

Lars Hansen was arrested yesterday on suspicion of having stolen a pocketbook containing a sum of money from a railroad man at the union depot yesterday.

## 15 Pounds of Blood.

It is about the quantity nature allows to an adult person. It is of the utmost importance that the blood should be kept as pure as possible. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proven its claim to be the best blood purifier.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Her Majesty's Corset, Best in the World. We desire to state to all ladies that the Princess of Wales company, the manufacturers of Her Majesty's corset, feeling that the many good points of their celebrated corset are not fully understood, we will therefore have at our store on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 14, 15 and 16, Miss Marion Cornell for the sole purpose of explaining the reasons why Her Majesty's corset should be worn in preference to corsets of any other make.

It is the wish of the Princess of Wales company that Miss Cornell shall have the privilege of trying on all ladies who will allow it, Her Majesty's corset, and thus illustrate without doubt by so doing the magnificent figure it will create.

Miss Cornell will at the same time explain all of its good points. We trust that as many ladies as possible will avail themselves of this great opportunity to learn what a perfectly fitting corset really is.

We guarantee every pair of Her Majesty's corsets that we sell, and are confident that all who wear it will find it superior to all others.

Yours very truly,

SPRING & COMPANY.

## THE MARKETS.

## Grain, Provisions, Etc.

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.

WHEAT—Quiet. Spring Wheat, 84c; No. 2, 85c; No. 3, 86c; No. 4, 87c; No. 5, 88c; No. 6, 89c; No. 7, 90c; No. 8, 91c; No. 9, 92c; No. 10, 93c; No. 11, 94c; No. 12, 95c; No. 13, 96c; No. 14, 97c; No. 15, 98c; No. 16, 99c; No. 17, 100c; No. 18, 101c; No. 19, 102c; No. 20, 103c; No. 21, 104c; No. 22, 105c; No. 23, 106c; No. 24, 107c; No. 25, 108c; No. 26, 109c; No. 27, 110c; No. 28, 111c; No. 29, 112c; No. 30, 113c; No. 31, 114c; No. 32, 115c; No. 33, 116c; No. 34, 117c; No. 35, 118c; No. 36, 119c; No. 37, 120c; No. 38, 121c; No. 39, 122c; No. 40, 123c; No. 41, 124c; No. 42, 125c; No. 43, 126c; No. 44, 127c; No. 45, 128c; No. 46, 129c; No. 47, 130c; No. 48, 131c; No. 49, 132c; No. 50, 133c; No. 51, 134c; No. 52, 135c; No. 53, 136c; No. 54, 137c; No. 55, 138c; No. 56, 139c; No. 57, 140c; No. 58, 141c; No. 59, 142c; No. 60, 143c; No. 61, 144c; No. 62, 145c; No. 63, 146c; No. 64, 147c; No. 65, 148c; No. 66, 149c; No. 67, 150c; No. 68, 151c; No. 69, 152c; No. 70, 153c; No. 71, 154c; No. 72, 155c; No. 73, 156c; 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